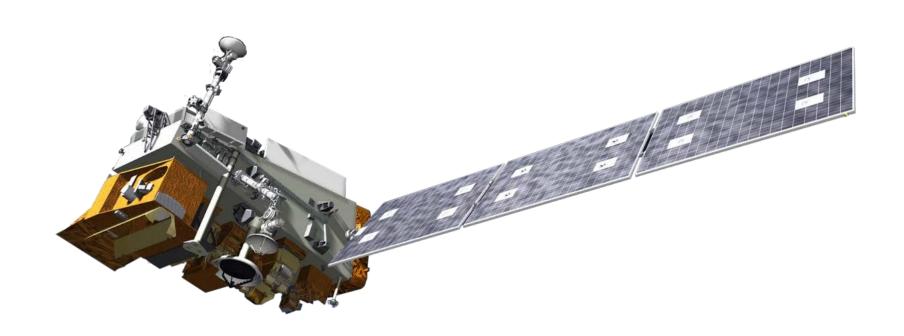


## Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico Coast Atlantic Ocean

Satellite Tracking of Sargassum in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico



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#### **Mission statement**

NOAA CoastWatch/OceanWatch provides easy access for everyone to global and regional satellite data products for use in understanding, managing and protecting ocean and coastal resources and for assessing impacts of environmental change in ecosystems, weather, and climate

Managed by NOAA National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service (NOAA/NESDIS)

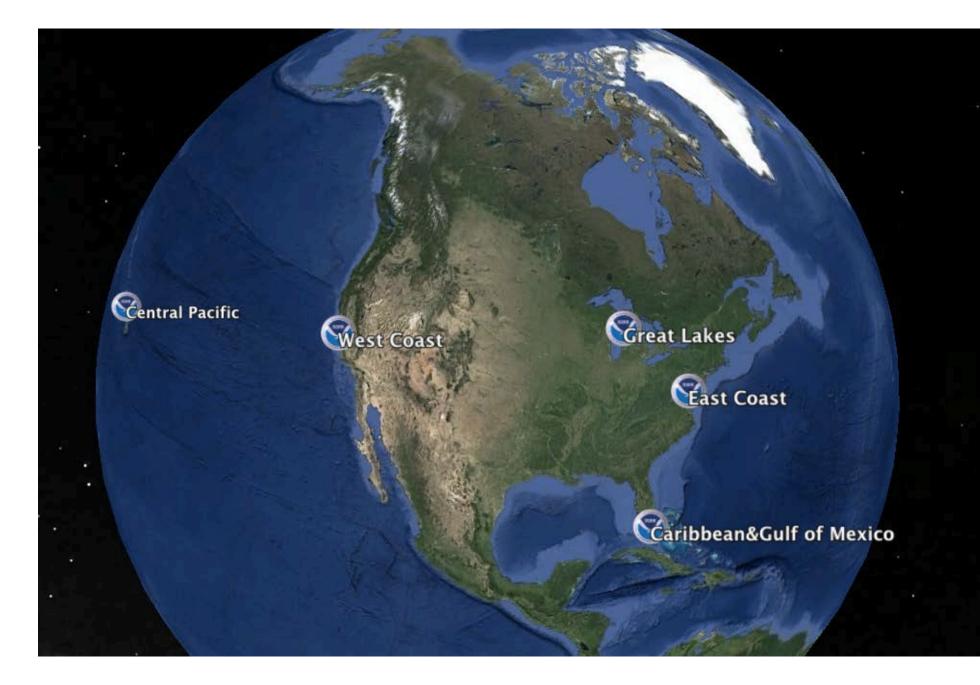
Two components: Central Operations and Regional Nodes.

Central Operations, operated within NOAA NESDIS, coordinates the processing, delivery, quality control and storage of data products.

Other NOAA line offices participate in the NOAA CoastWatch Program by hosting equipment and personnel.

Since 1999, AOML hosts the CW Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico regional node.

Main purpose: to serve NRT satellite-derived products for the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico



OceanWatch is an extension of CW, focusing on expanded geographical boundaries, open ocean datasets and global coverage.

AOML hosts one of the 2 OW nodes: Atlantic OceanWatch

Data sharing and product development and distribution

Provide integrated data and tools to scientists and other stakeholders to better understand the physical, biological, and chemical ocean processes.

Scientific quality products and near-real time datasets needed to support climate, ocean, ecosystems, and weather studies.

Tools developed and implemented to deliver interoperable products through a service-oriented architecture, using international recognized standards for data and metadata.

Both CoastWatch and OceanWatch efforts run in parallel, with the latter focusing on a larger region of interest, primarily the Atlantic basin and global oceans.







AOML is organized in 3 research divisions: Physical Oceanography (PhOD), Ocean Chemistry&Ecosystems (OCED) and Hurricane Research (HRD).

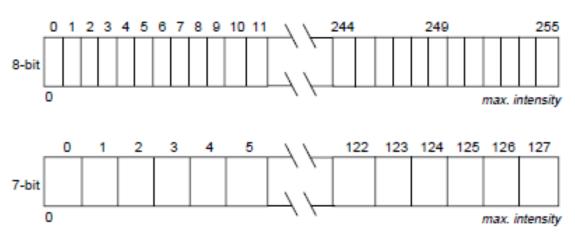


#### **Advantages**

Synoptic view

Short revisit times

Integration with GIS



In line with CW objectives

Continuity: Promote follow-on sensors/Archival

Accessibility:OPeNDAP/THREDDS/ ERDDAP (Open&Free)

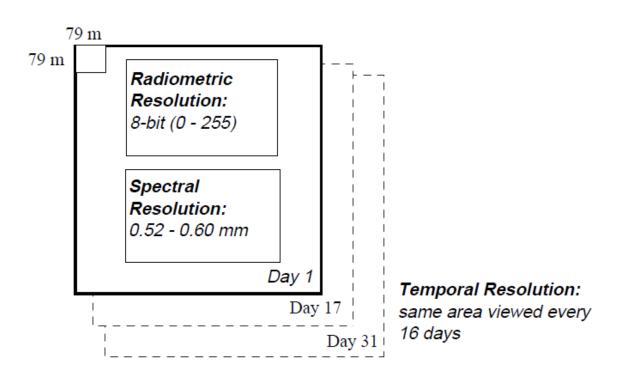
**Quality: NRT Products** 

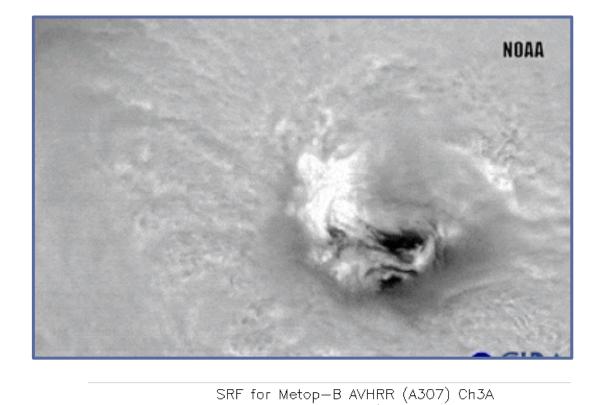
Utilization: Regional and global, multipurpose, ML, Big Data,...

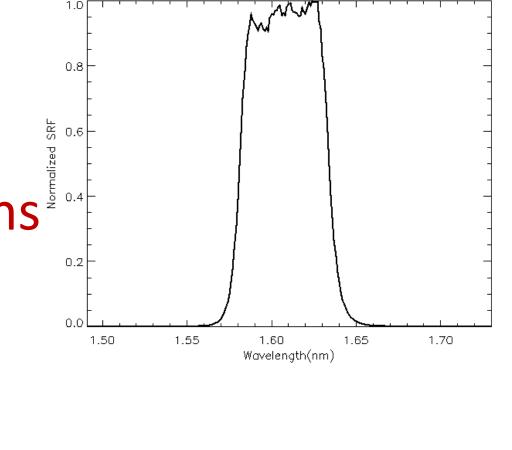
Multispectral

Operational data availability

Different orbits, scales and resolutions <sup>1</sup>





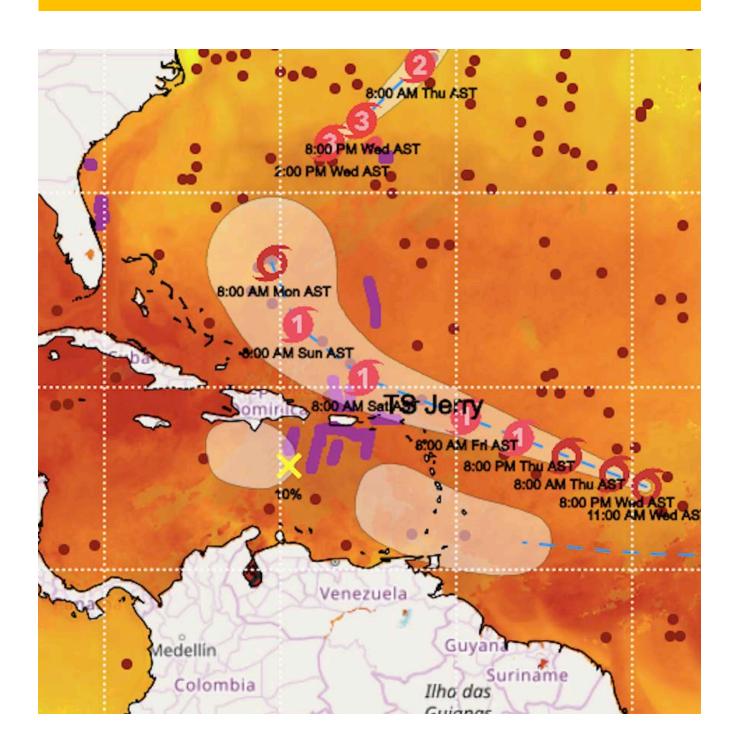




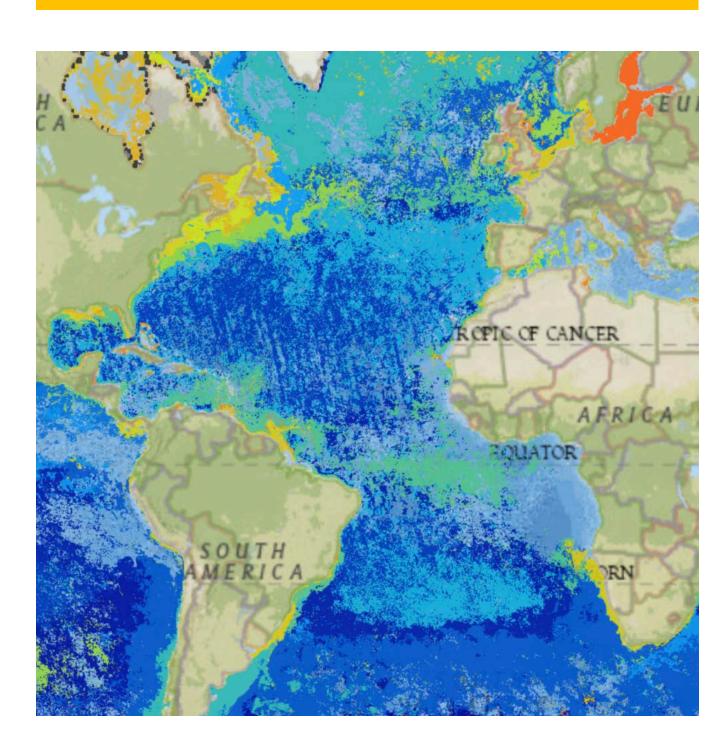
**Applications:** Fisheries, oil platforms, research cruise support, hurricane operations, public health, biogeographic research, omics, coastal environment, operational oceanography, *Sargassum* monitoring, glider operations, Argo/drifter deployments, carbon SOOP ship monitoring, ocean acidification, ocean debris, carbon fluxes



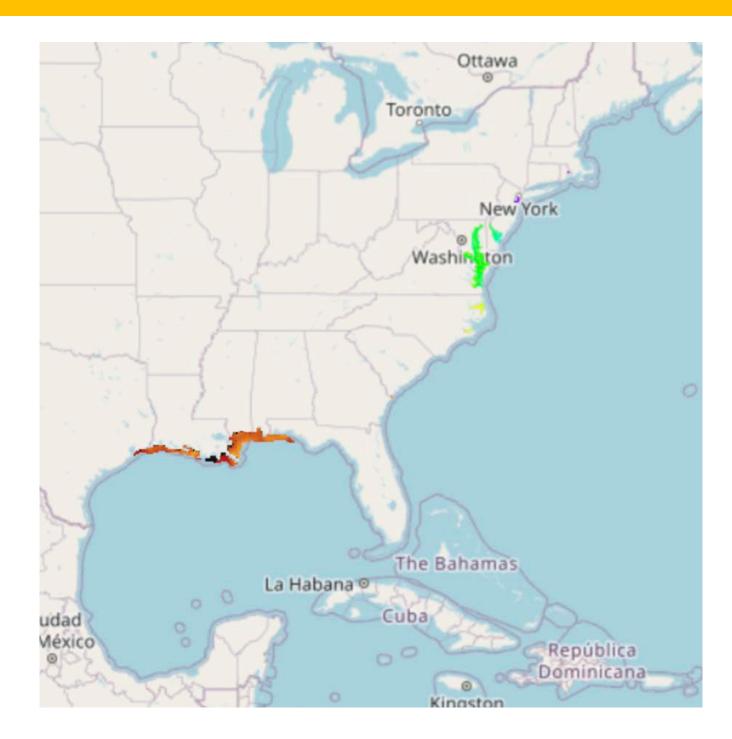
#### HurricaneViewer OAR,HRD, NWS, NHC, NOS, NAVO



#### **Seascapes**MBON, OSU, USF, NASA, UAF, IOOS, NMS

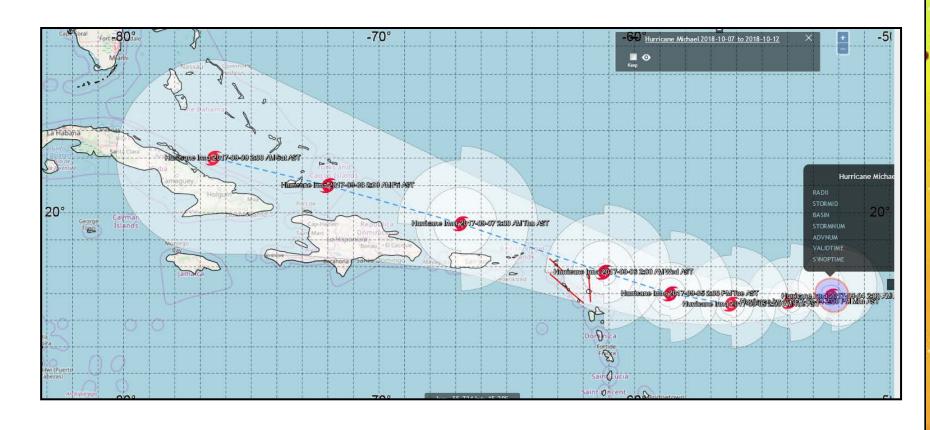


#### Vibrio Bacteria Suitability Index ECDC, FAO

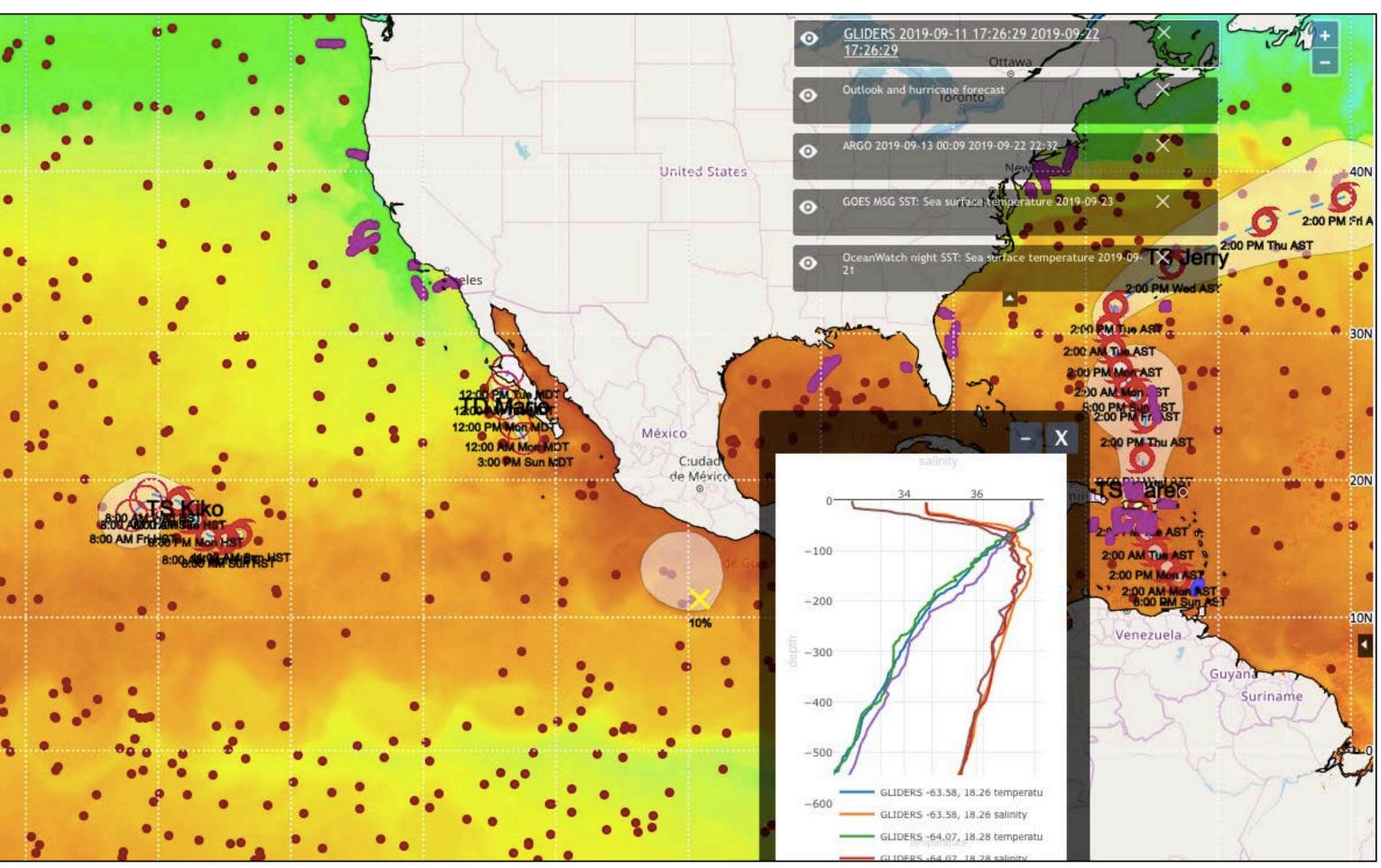


HOV

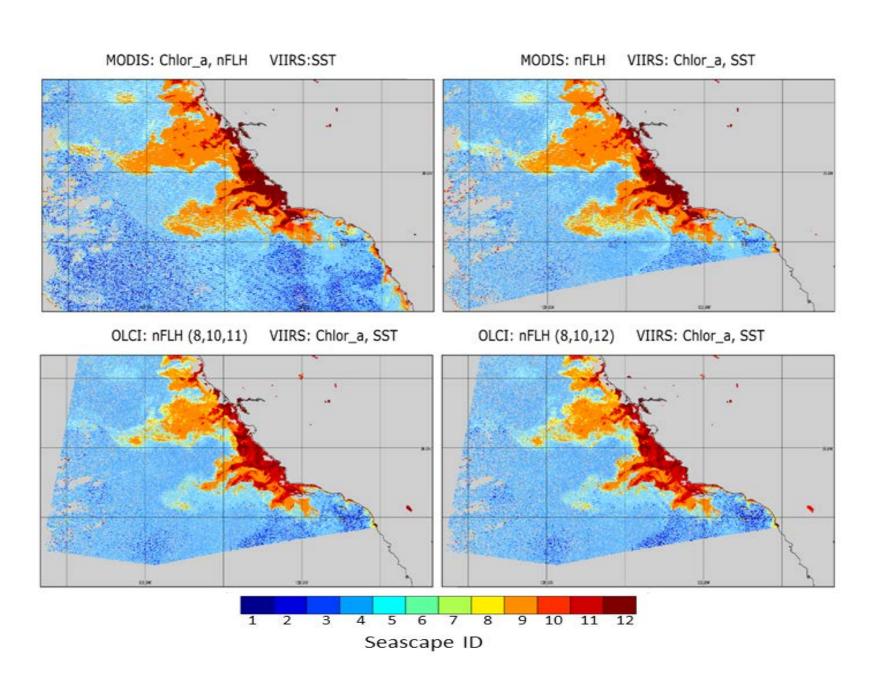
Goal: To support the Atlantic Hurricane Field Program.



It includes geoJSON with hurricane outlooks, forecasts and best track. Insitu data from gliders, XBTs, Argo and drifters. 30-day VIIRS cumulative chlor fields for detecting salinity-induced barrier layers.



Goals: To identify spatially explicit water masses with particular biogeochemical features using model and satellitederived measurements. To assess and predict the different planktonic and fisheries communities that reside within seascapes.

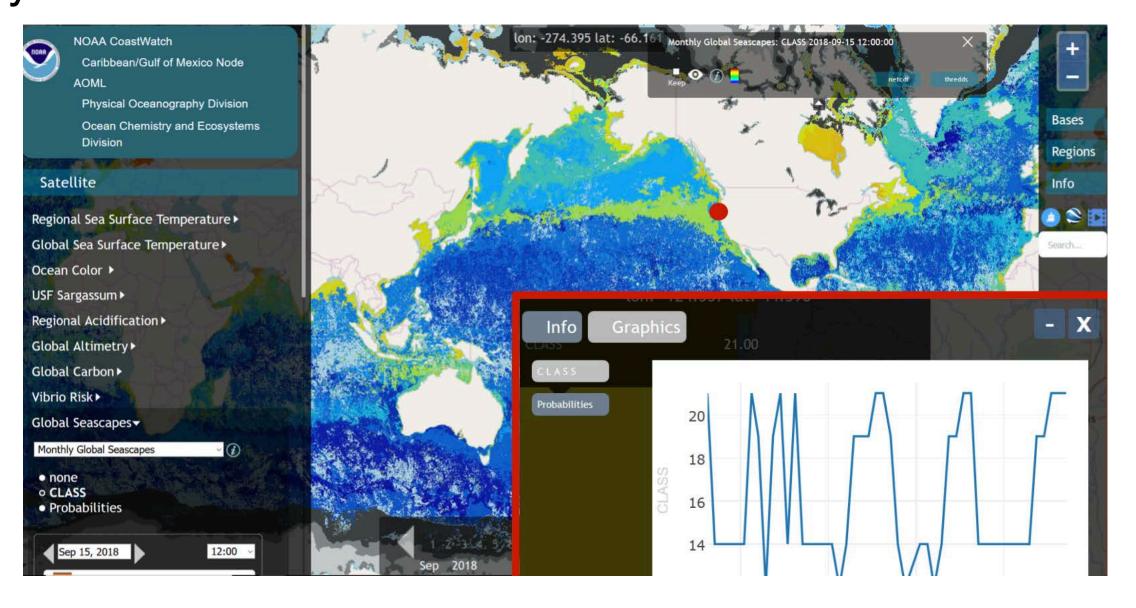


#### Seascapes

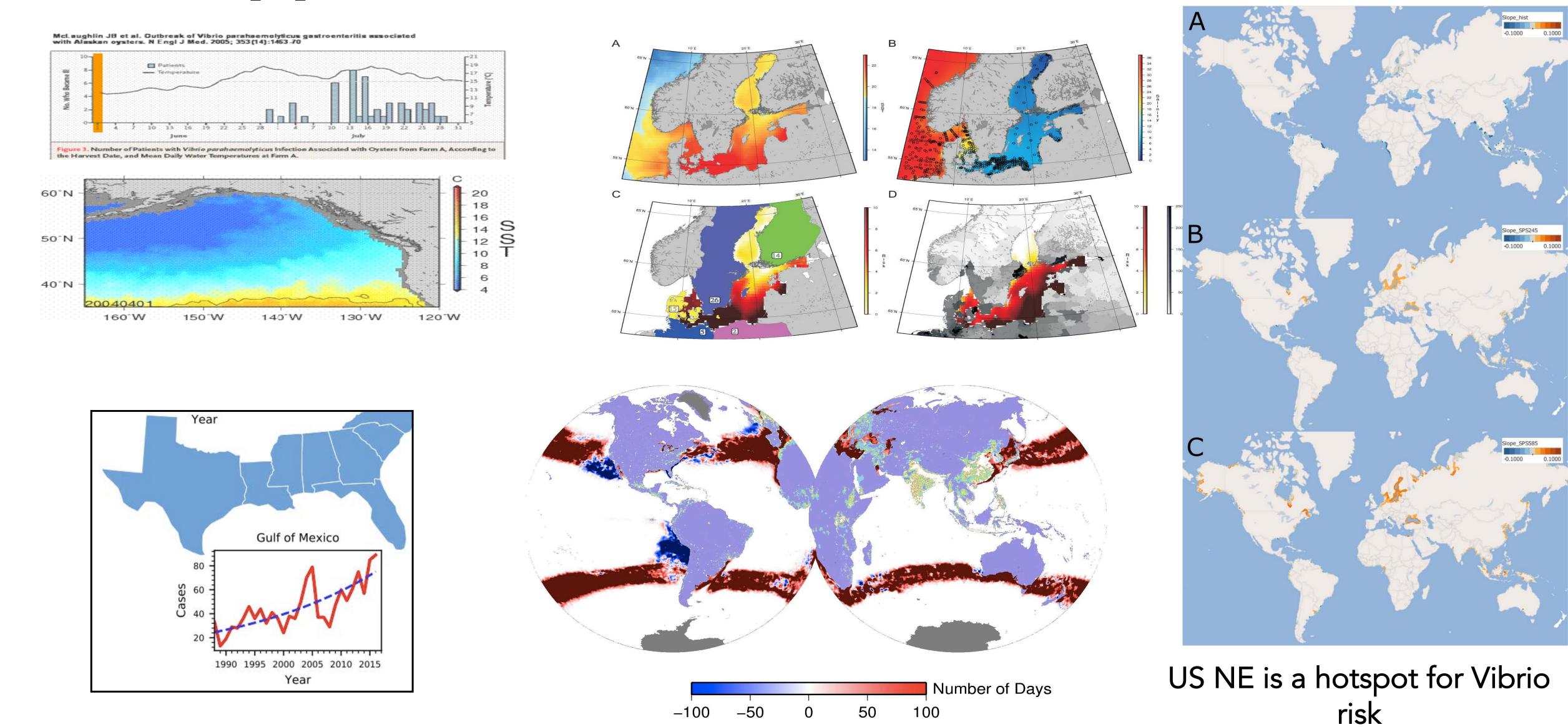
Seasonal and Interannual dynamics, classification uncertainty of habitats.

Moving toward real time cruise planning, feature tracking. Provide end user indicators and metrics.

**Questions:** How well is the system characterized? How do we quantify atypical? Where do we need better/more in situ data to classify habitat?



#### Vibrio Model



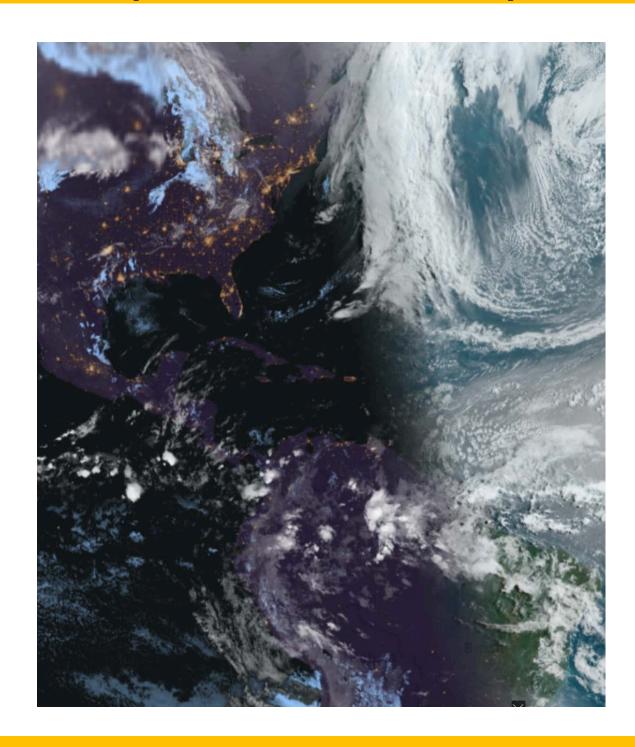
## 02 Unique datasets/novel products

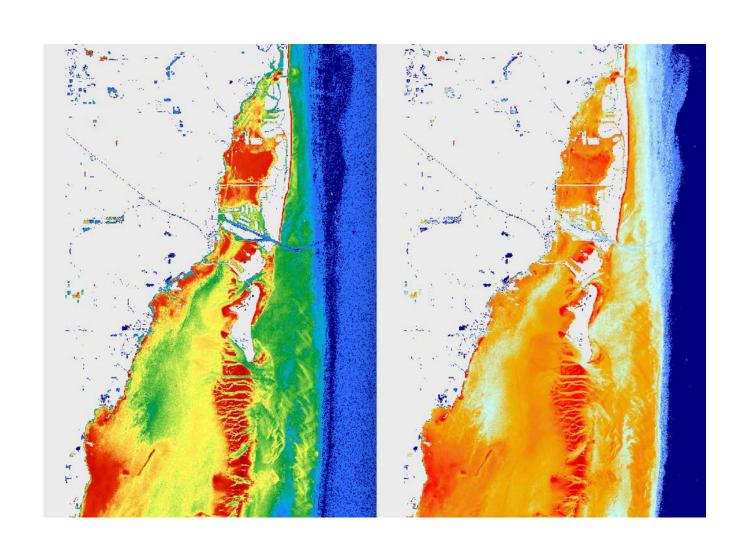
**Unique/novel products:** GOES 16/17 truecolor, Caribbean OA, ocean geostrophic currents, monthly and seasonal carbon fluxes, Vibrio Suitability Index (daily, cumulative and short term forecast), blended SST+frontal boundaries, in-situ glider/Argo/drifter/XBT, RSS MW products, underway carbon SOOP, USF AFAI (daily, 3D and weekly) and MCI, Seascapes (8day and monthly), 30day cumulative VIIRS chlor\_a, aggregated K490/Rrs667 GoM, AVHRR SST anomaly, in-situ sargassum, OSPO OHC, SIR, AOT

GOES-16/17 Truecolor (with CW Central)

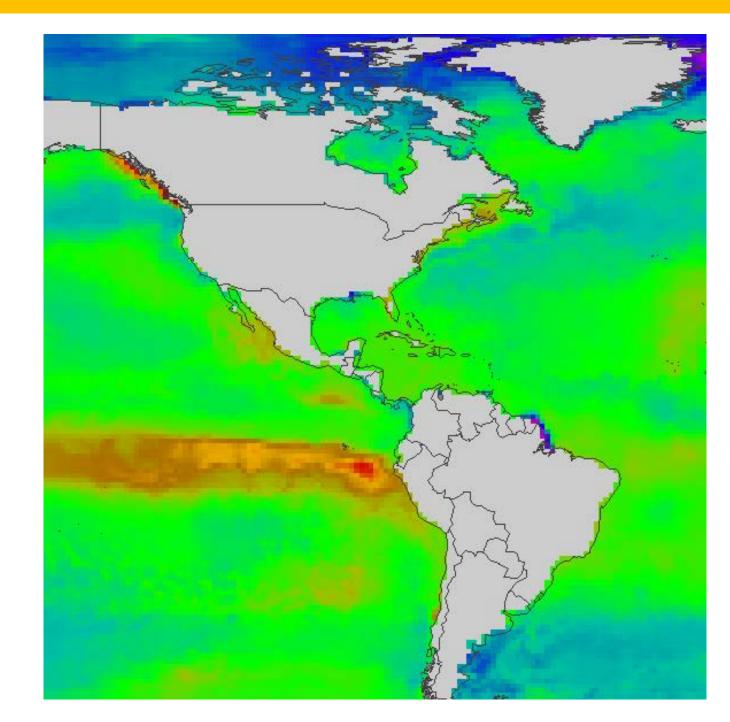
S2 MSI
Urban Coastal Ecosystems

PCO<sub>2</sub>/Carbon Fluxes (R. Wanninkhof, NOAA/AOML/OCED)









#### 03 Pelagic Sargassum

Floating macroalgae that forms large rafts that function as a drifting ecosystem, providing valuable habitat for diverse marine organisms

Since 2011, massive amounts of pelagic Sargassum algae began washing ashore throughout the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico

Disrupts shipping, tourism, fishing, industry, and coastal ecosystems.

What we do? Monitor and track Sargassum. Trajectory modelling efforts. Operational.





#### Introduction

During DeepWater Horizon oil spill, AOML and CW provided:

Data -> GTS

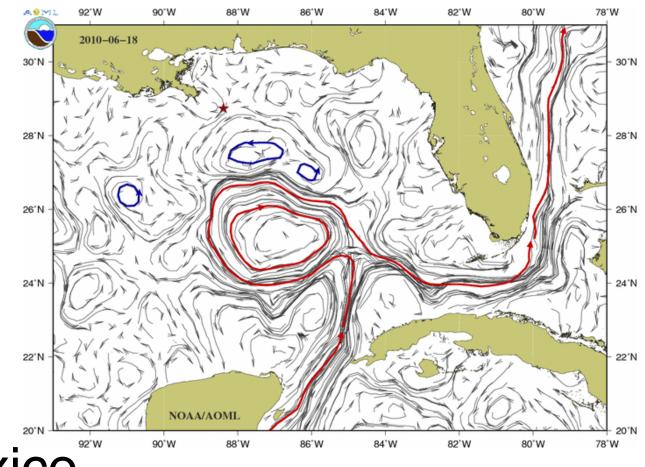
Daily updates of the location of oceanographic features in the Gulf of Mexico."

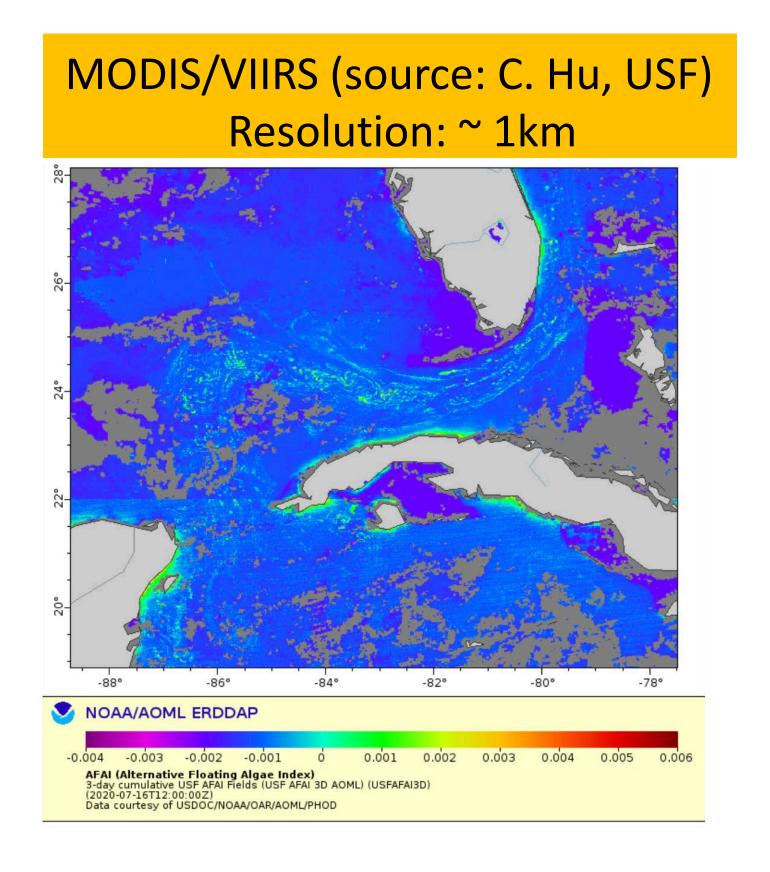
Sun-glint imagery from MERIS, MODIS and HRPT

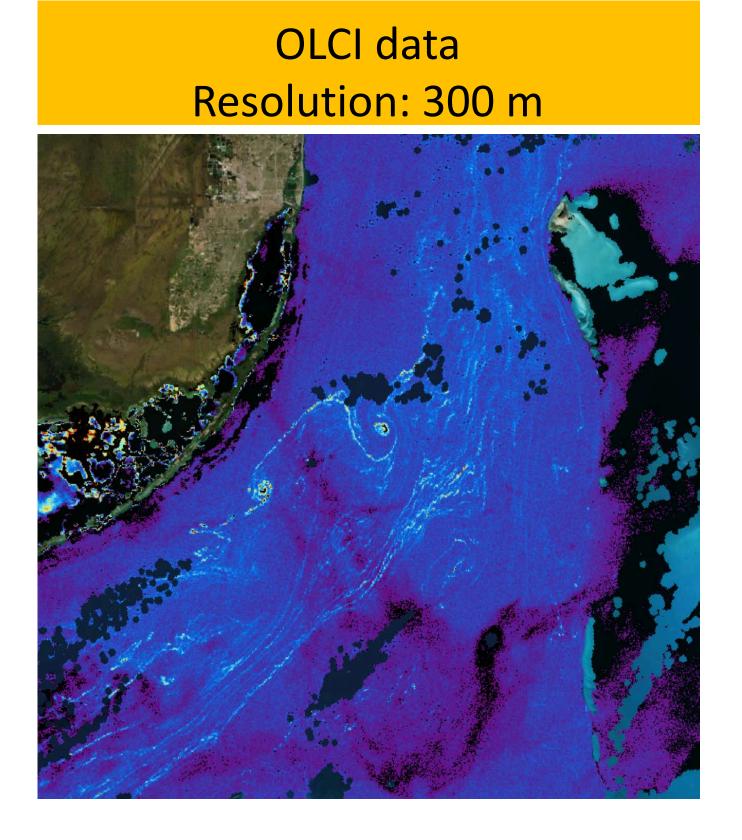
**Issues:** SAR false positives. Real oil?

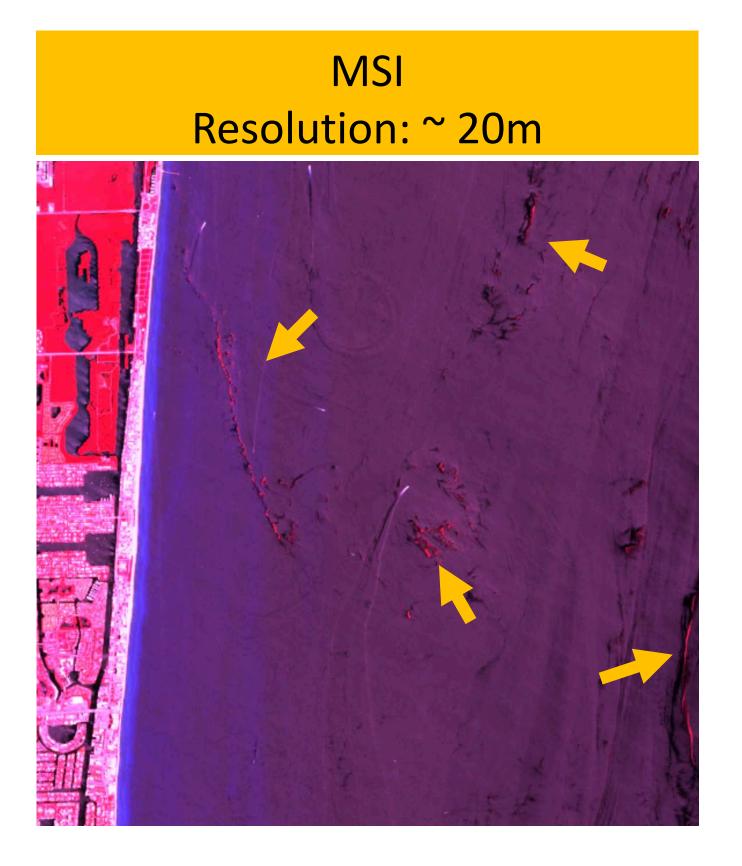
**MERIS MCI**: MCI = L709 - L681 - (709 - 681)\*(L754 - L681)/(754 - 681). Source: Jim Gower











**Goals:** NRT monitoring and tracking of pelagic *Sargassum* in the Tropical Atlantic, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico.

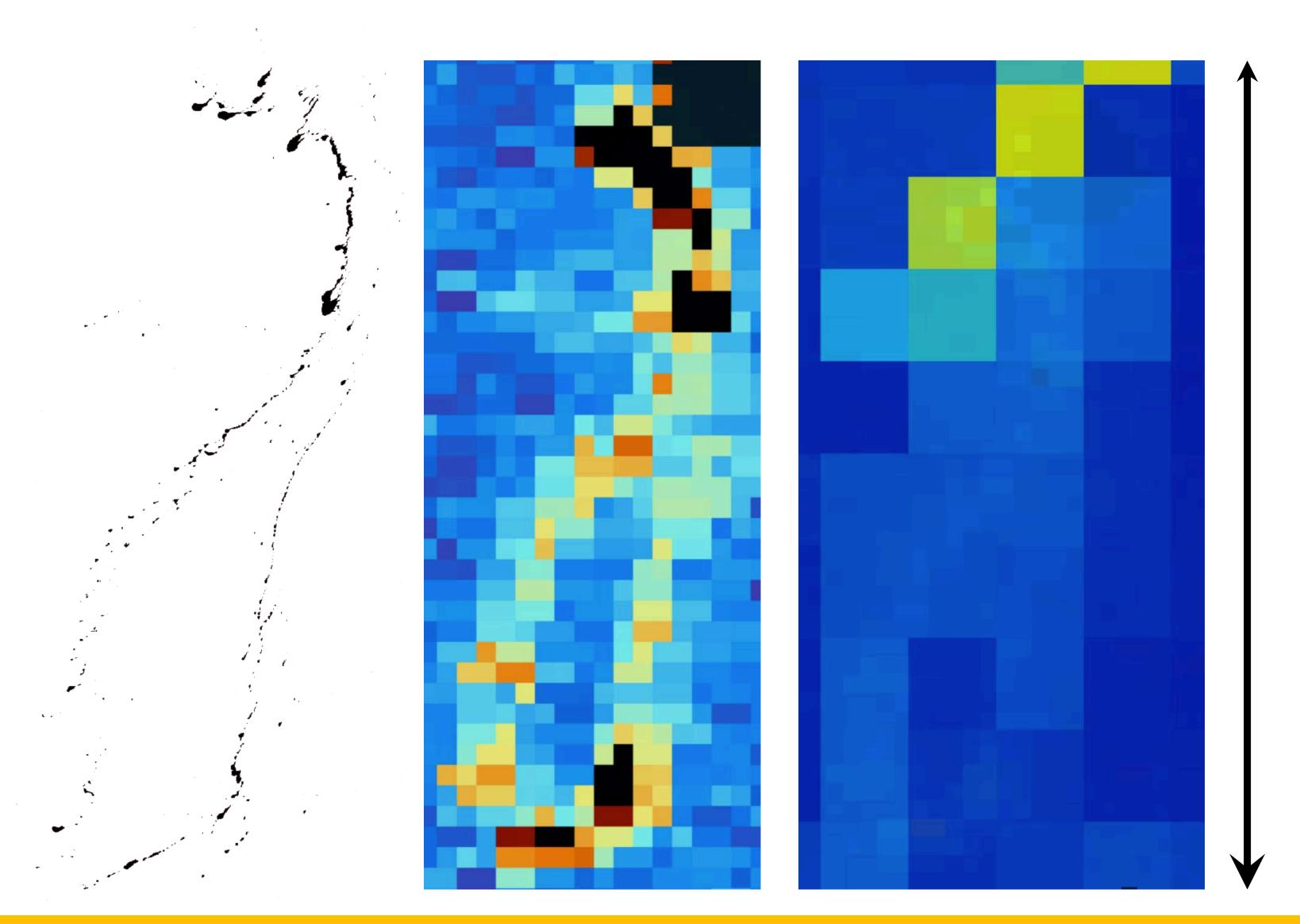
Revisit times: daily (MODIS, VIIRS), ~2 day (OLCI), ~5 day (MSI)

**Resolution:** 

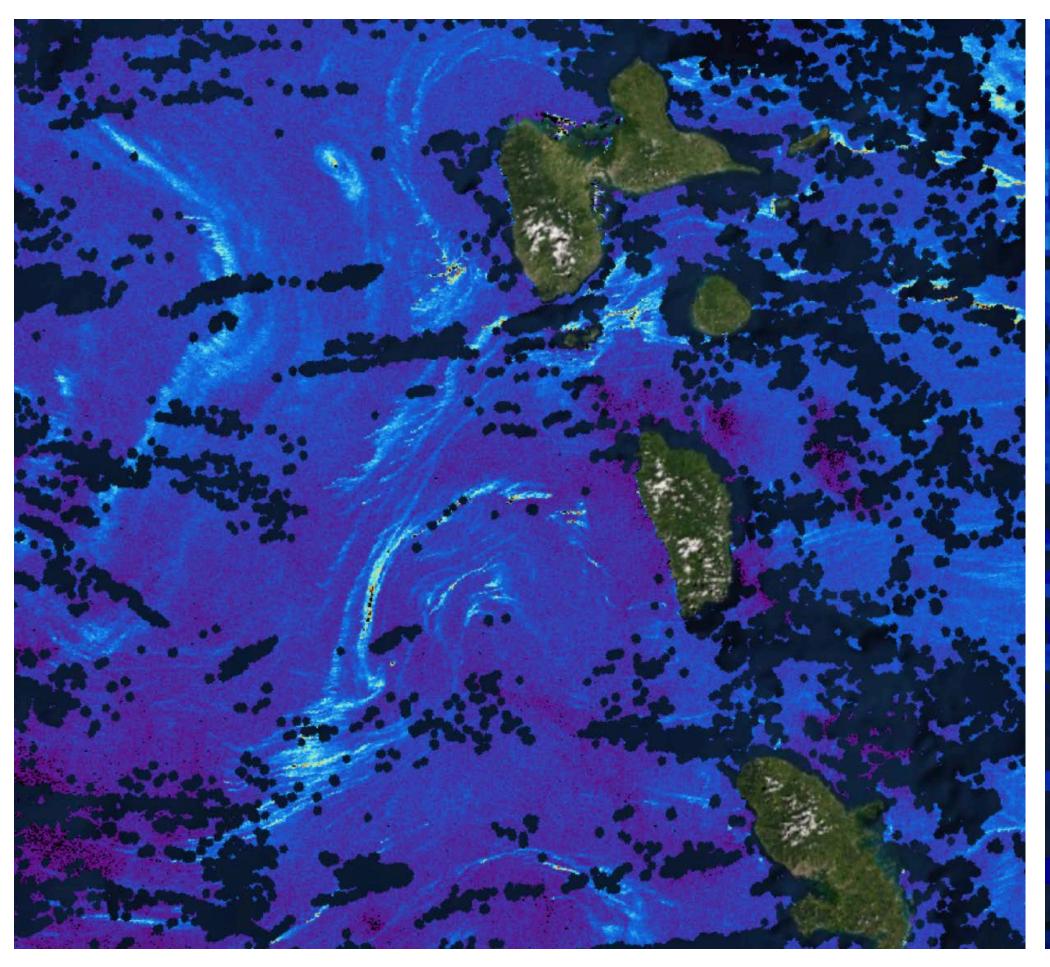
20m -> 300m (ratio:15)

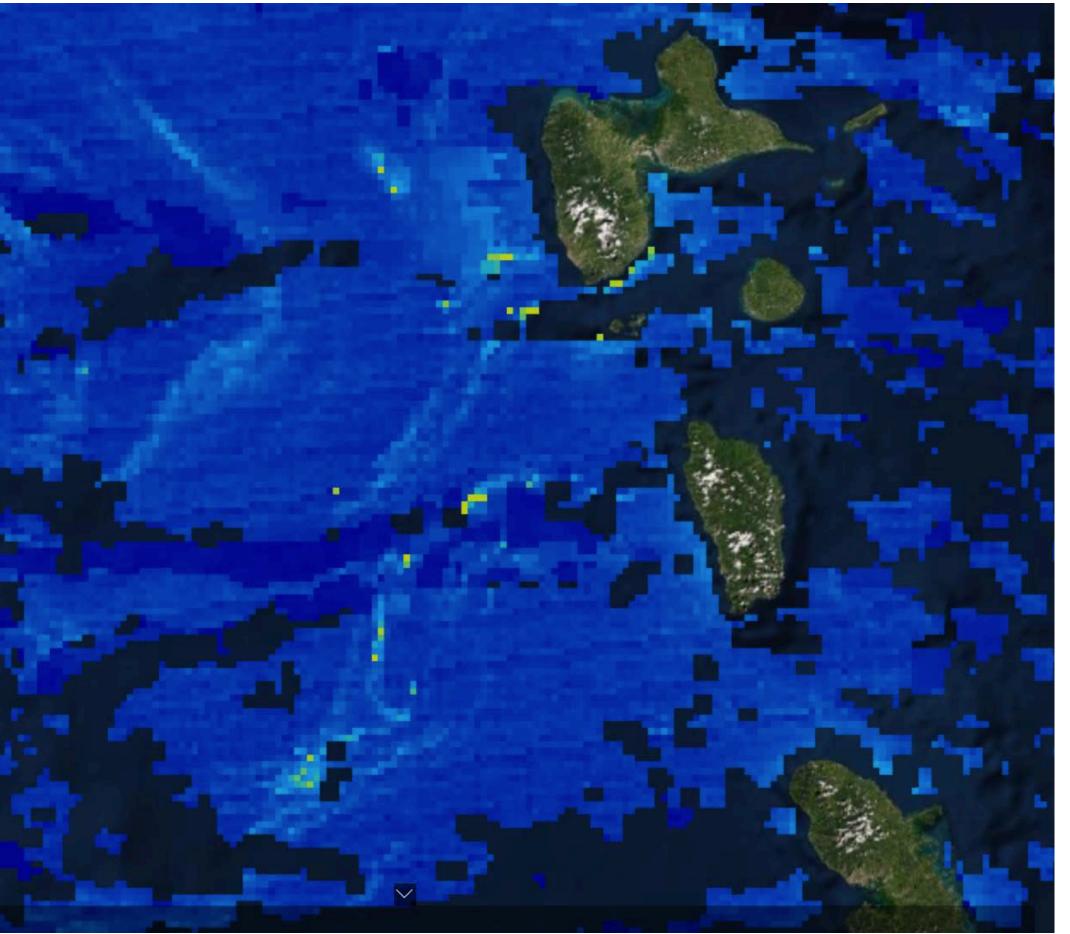
300m -> 1km (ratio:3.3)

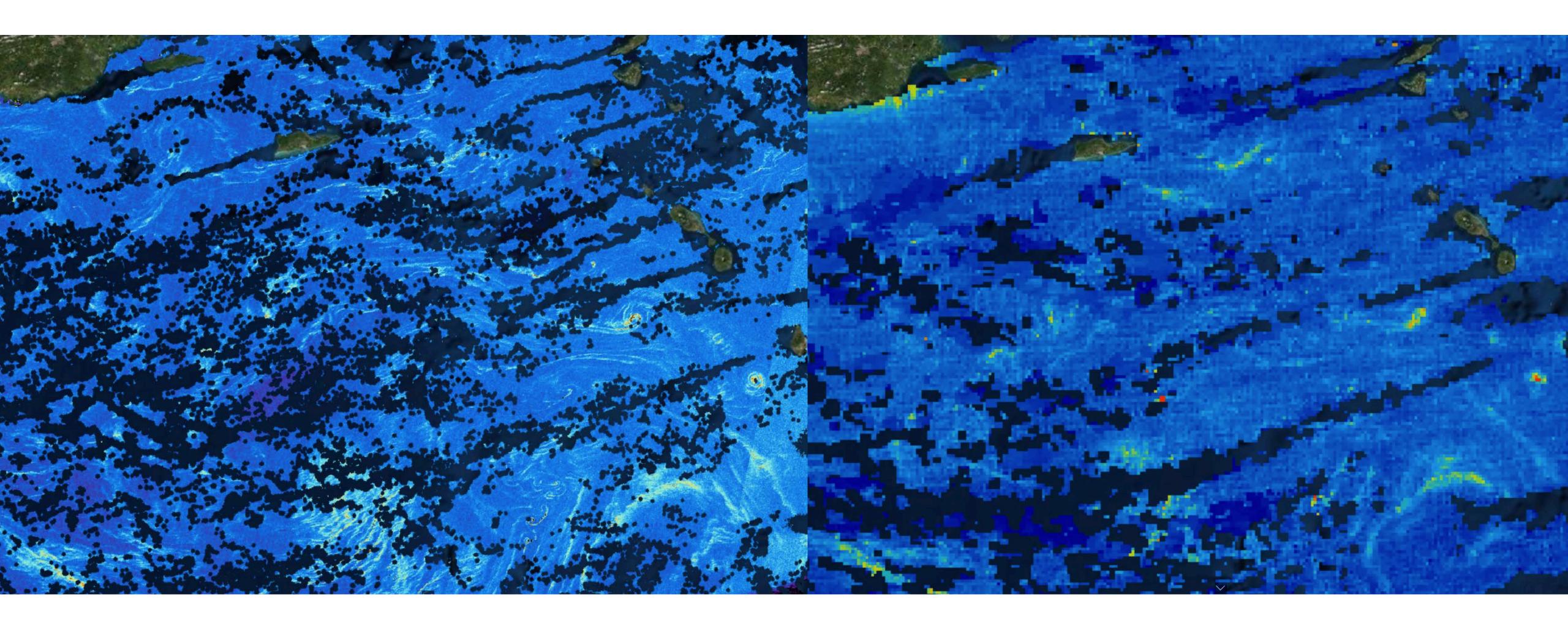
**MSI-** Coastal areas



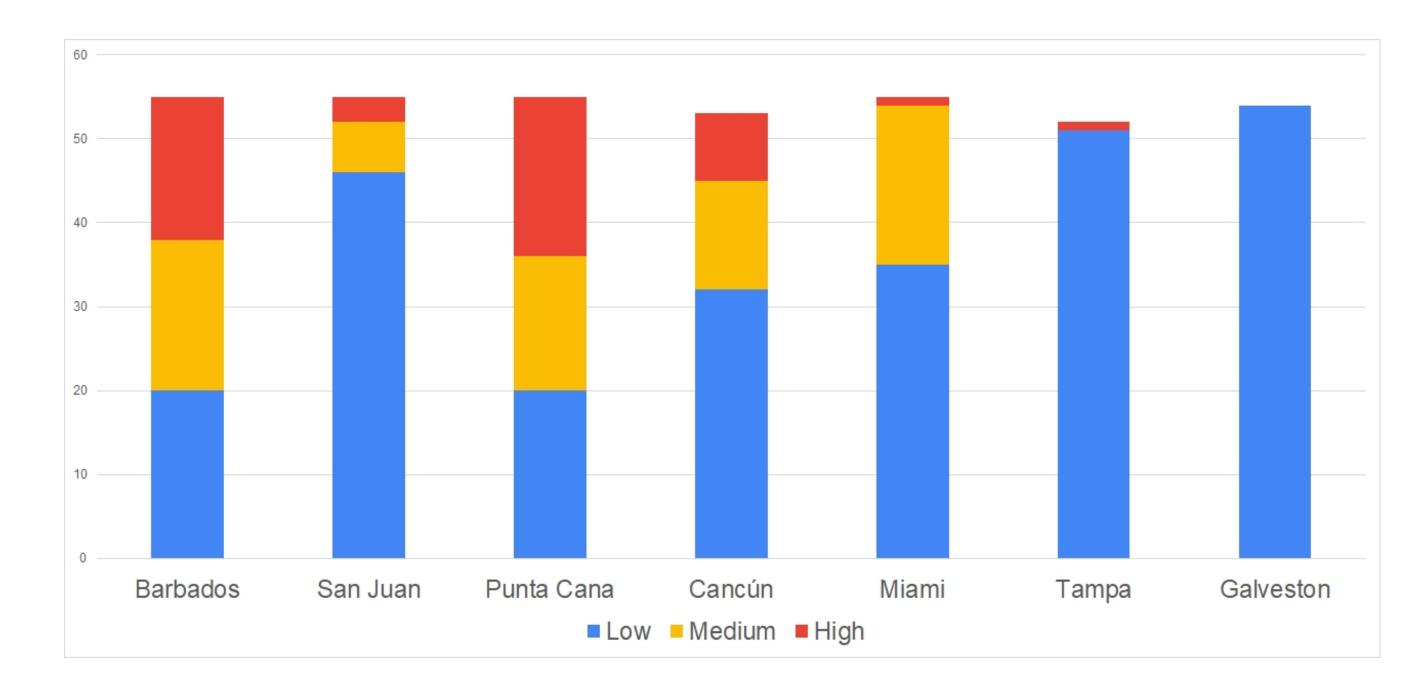
#### **Resolution:**







Goals: To provide an overview of the risk of Sargassum coastal inundation in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico regions.



Joaquin Trinanes, N.F. Putman, G. Goni, C. Hu, M. Wang . Monitoring pelagic Sargassum inundation potential for coastal communities. Journal of Operational Oceanography Pub Date: 2021-03-18, DOI: 10.1080/1755876x.2021.1902682

#### SIR

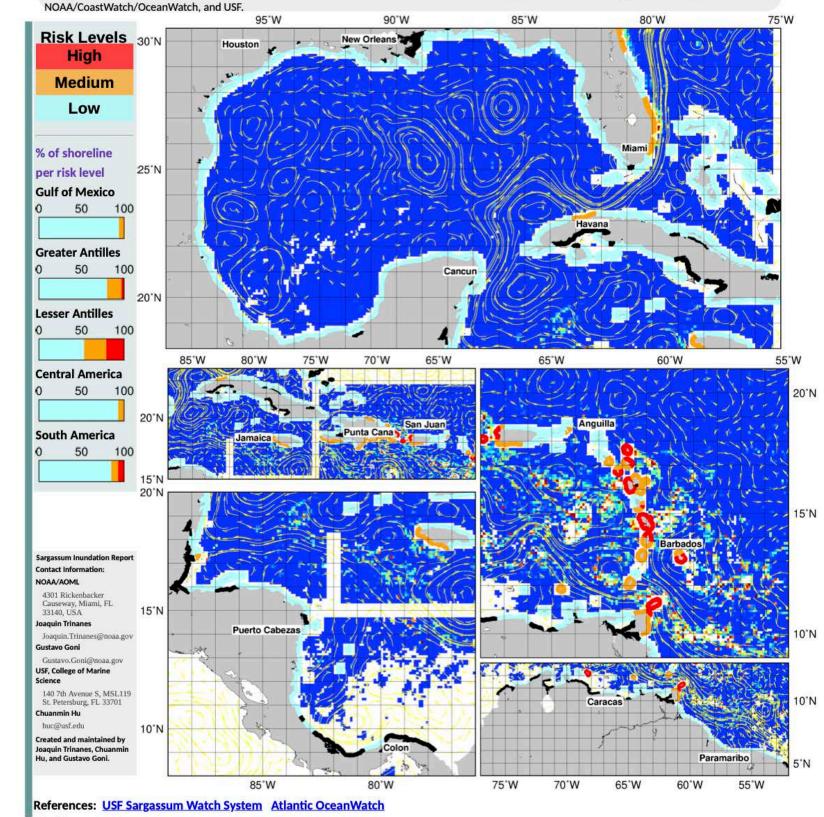


#### **Experimental Weekly Sargassum Inundation Report (SIR v1.2)**

By the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the University of South Florida (USF)

Status: Apr 28-May 4, 2020

Since 2011, large accumulations of Sargassum is a recurrent problem in the Caribbean Sea, in the Gulf of Mexico and tropical Atlantic. These events can cause significant economic, environmental and public health harm. These experimental Sargassum Inundation Reports (SIR) provide an overview of the risk of sargassum coastal inundation in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico regions. Using as core inputs the AFAI (Alternative Floating Algae Index) fields generated by the University of South Florida (USF), the algorithm analyses the AFAI values in the neighborhood (50 km) of each coastal pixel and, computing the difference between those values and a multiday baseline, classifies the risk into three categories: low (blue), medium (orange) and high (red). In black are areas with not enough data. The two ad-hoc thresholds used for classification are 0.001 and 0.003. The vectors in the images represent the geostrophic currents. SIR is the result of the collaboration between the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (NOAA/AOML),



Disclaimer: This is an experimental product and still subject to validation by NOAA/AOML, NOAA/CoastWatch/OceanWatch, and USF.

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#### 04 Beyond satellite data

Models, analysis and overlays: OA, Fluxes, hurricane layers, EEZs, trajectories, genomics,

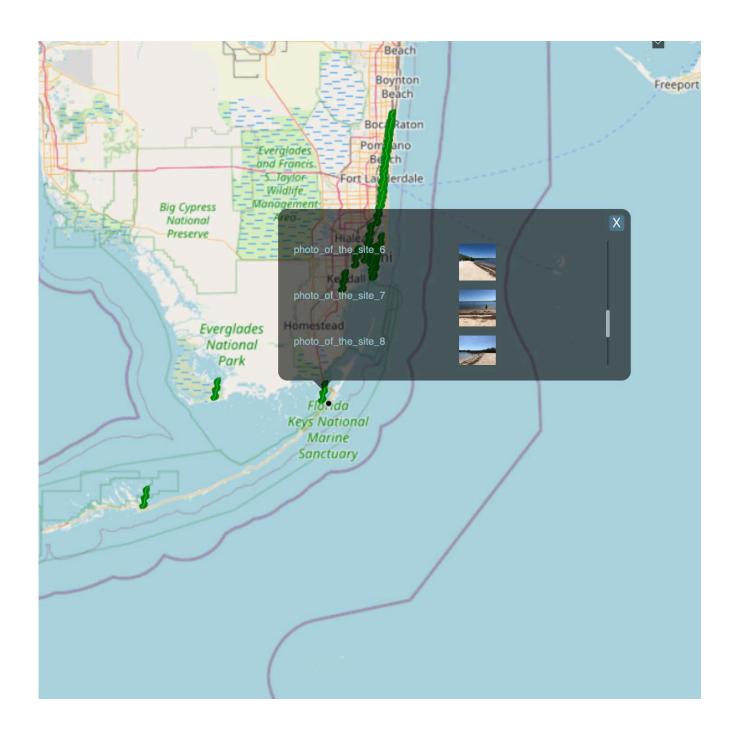
In-situ: Sargassum (Integration external repositories +ESRI Survey123 form). Argo, drifter, glider, XBT, CO<sub>2</sub>

SOOP.

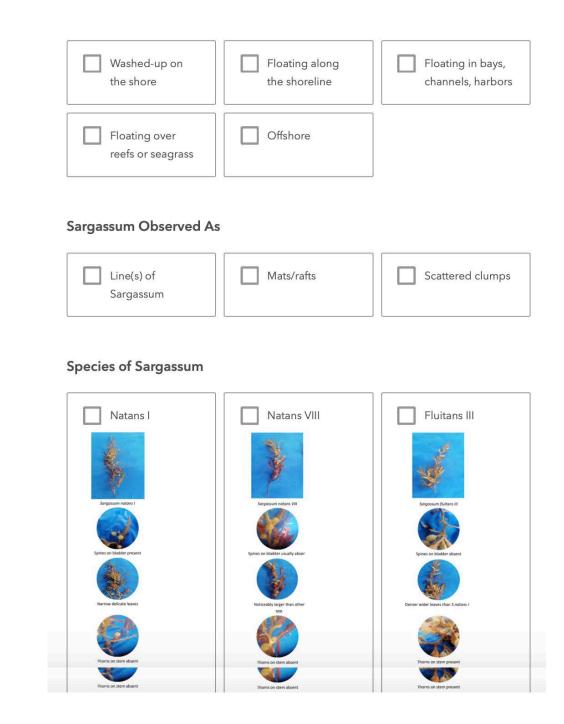
Machine Learning: Partial Pressure CO2 in seawater, HABs, Sargassum detection.

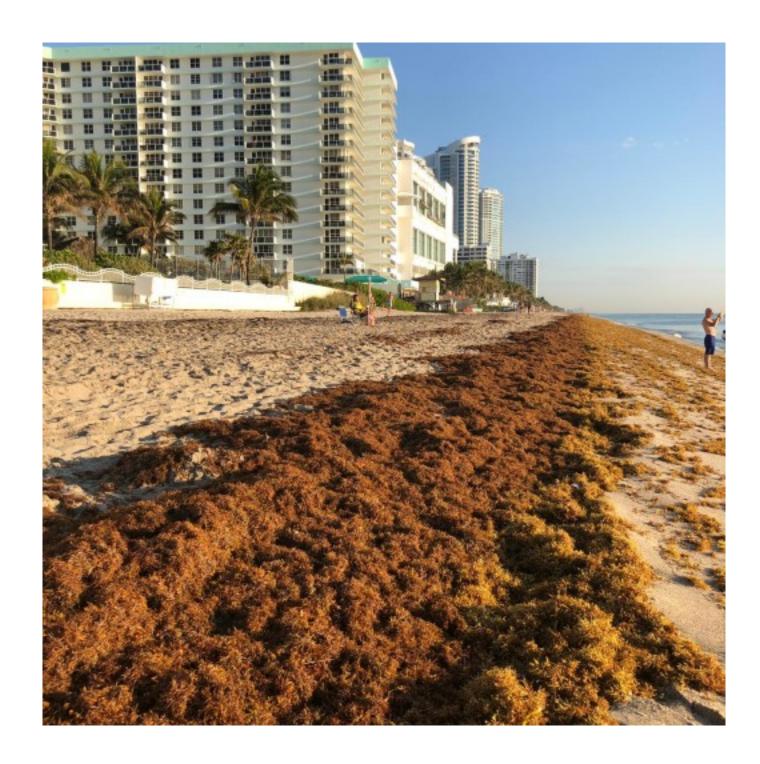
Other: Visualization (Projections, basemaps, metaview, template, animations, palettes, multilayer).

#### Sargassum Observations In-situ Database



#### Survey123 Multidevice data collection





## 04 Trajectory Modelling

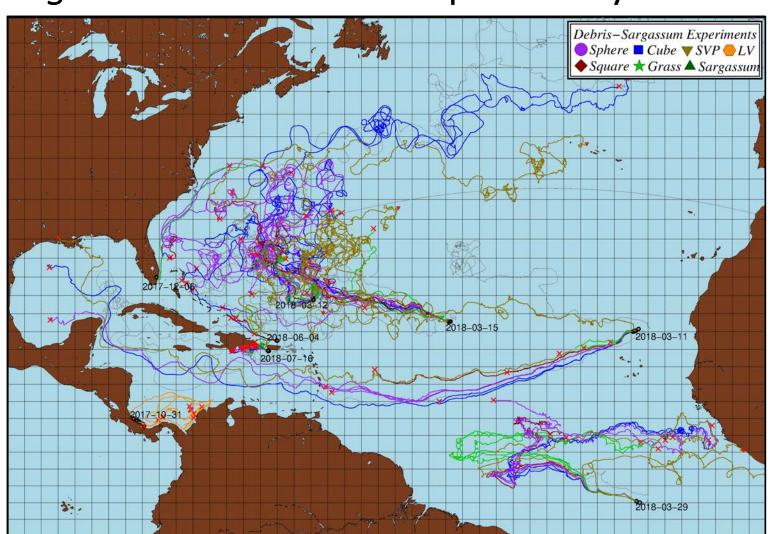
**Ocean Debris Tracking** 

Goal: understand and assess impact of ocean dynamics and wind on sargassum (and debris in general)

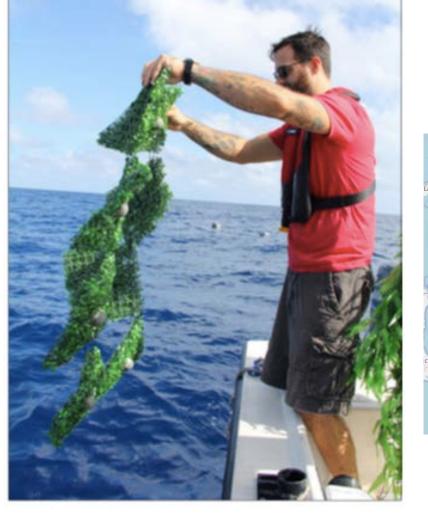
Field experiments with GPS-tracked, undrogued buoys of varying shapes, simulating debris and Sargassum. This project will help us better understand the trajectories of floating debris, sargassum, and plankton including marine larva.

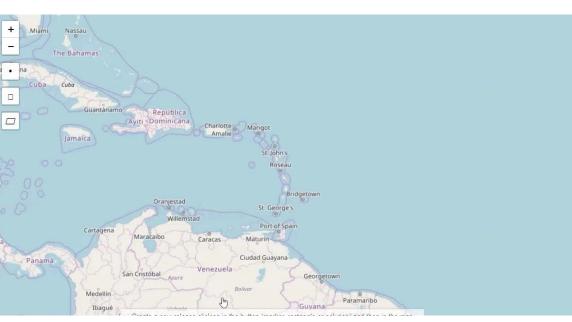
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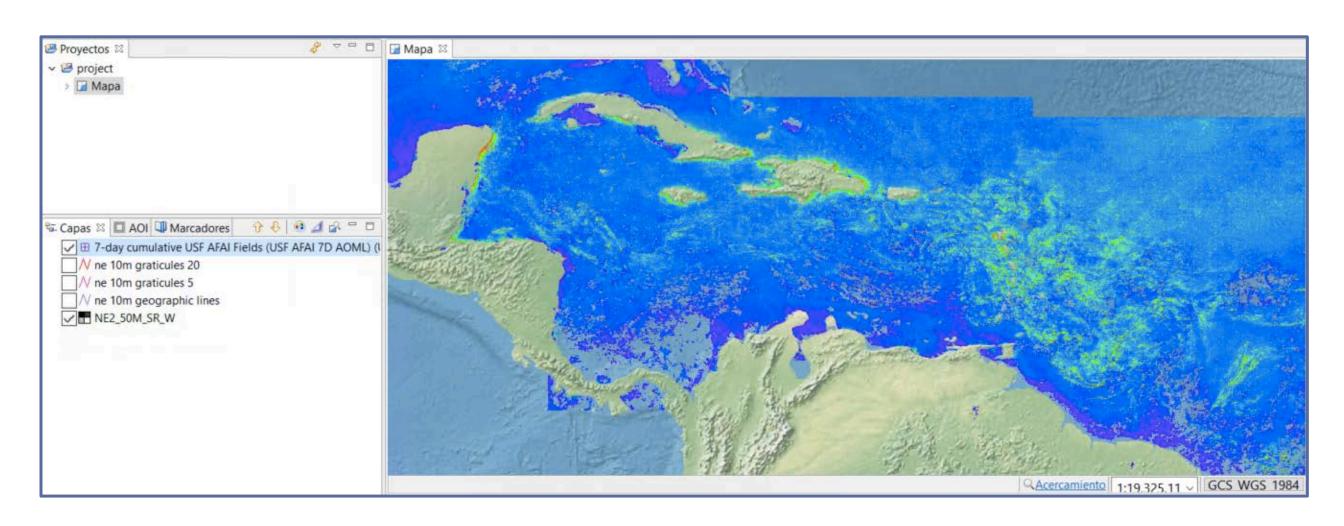


## 05 Data discovery, distribution, delivery

Interoperability: allows for information exchange. In our case, relies on open and machine independent standards (netCDF, CF, OPeNDAP, ...) and run within an operational framework.

Interoperability between web services that could run on different platforms, been implemented in different languages. Provide seamless and automatic connections between software applications.

Provide discovery and data&metadata retrievals (e.g. collocated with carbon measures) and backup



Clients: Matlab, Udig, Python (Scientific.IO.NetCDF, pydap.client, netCDF4,...), Octave, QGIS, ArcGIS, R, Panoply, ...

Metadata is also data.

Important for Decision-support Systems

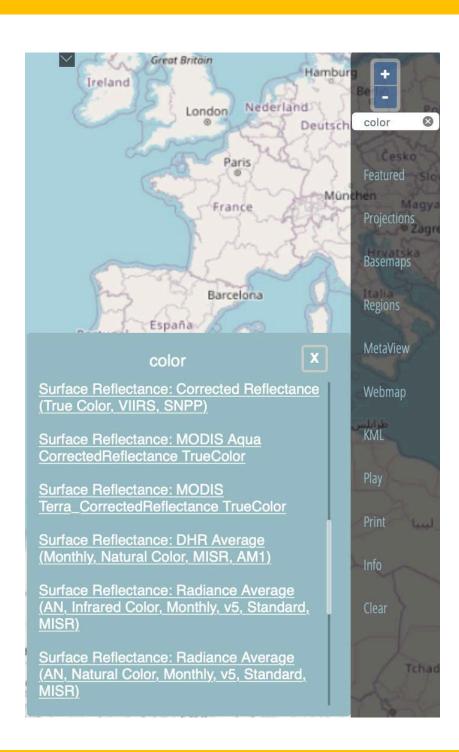
## 05 Data discovery, distribution, delivery

**Data Discovery:** Traditional TDS and ERDDAP capabilities. OV: enhanced with search capabilities and Webmap. Metadata available for evaluating data quality. Integrating OV with tool for searching in multiple ERDDAPs

Data Distribution: Interoperable tools.

Data Delivery: AOML OOS (GTS), reports, customized products (e.g. collocated with carbon measures) and backup

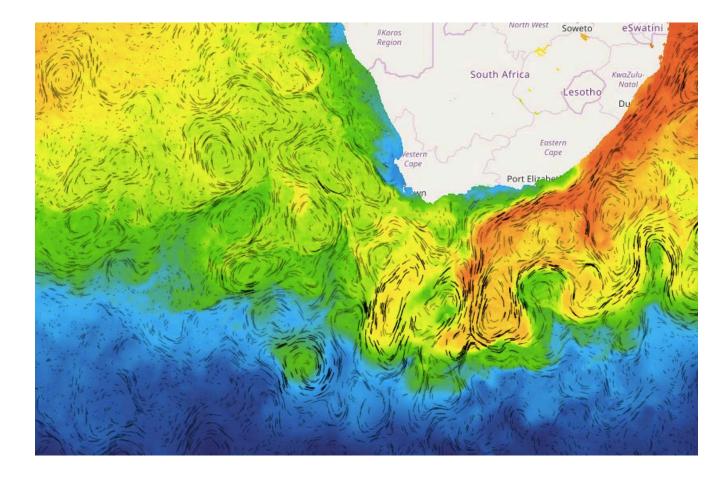
#### Data Discovery Metadata search in ERDDAP/OV



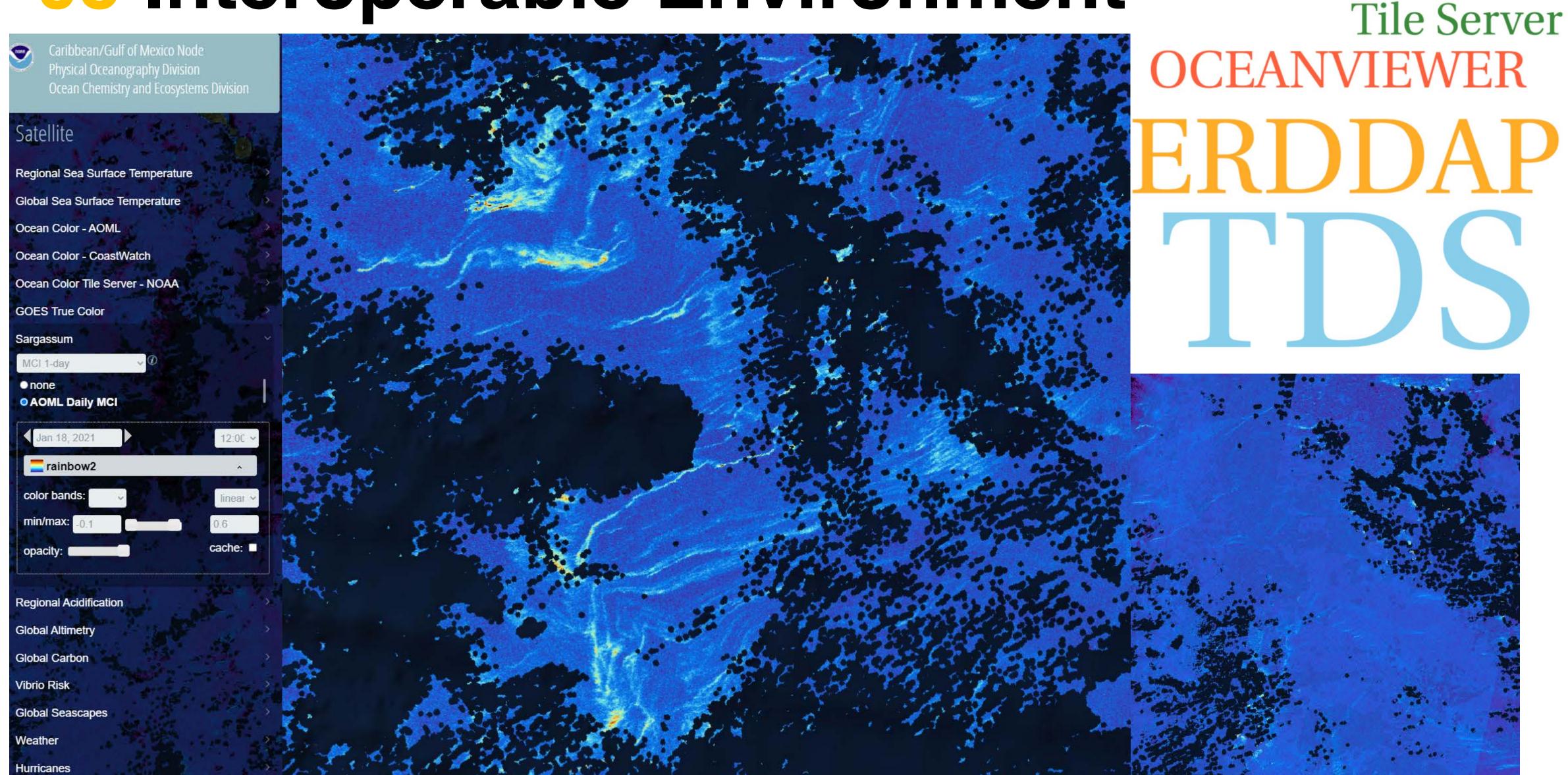
Distribution
TDS/ERDDAP/OV/Tile Server

Tile Server OCEANVIEWER ERDDAP

Delivery
Customized products



05 Interoperable Environment

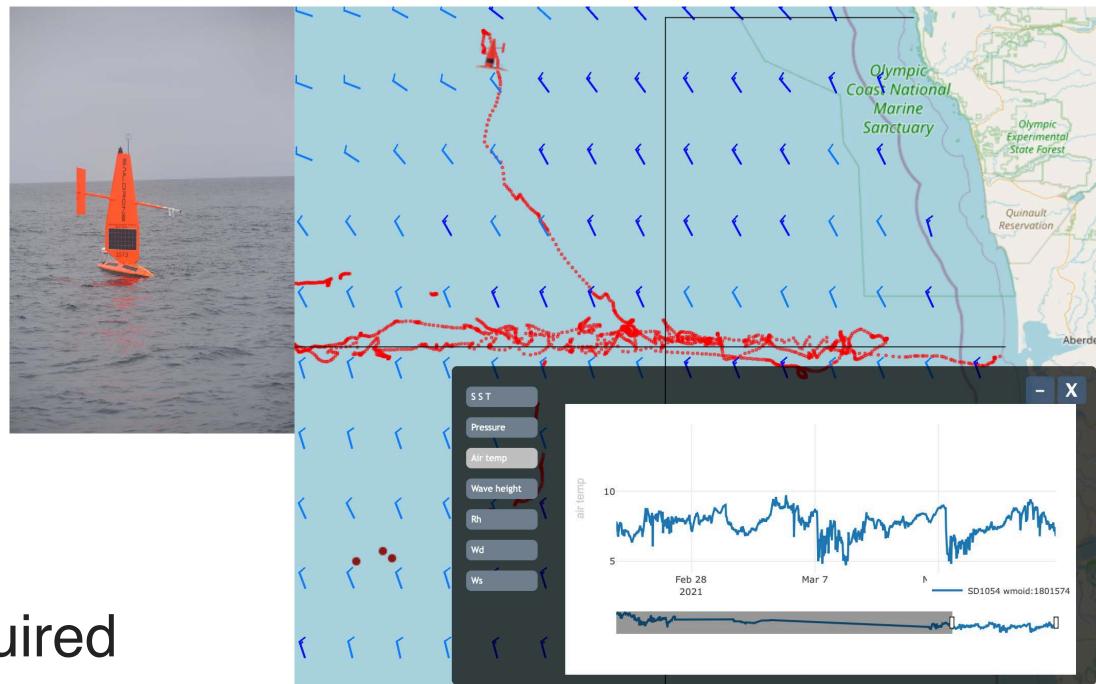


#### 06 Current work

Integrating Sargassum products into HOV

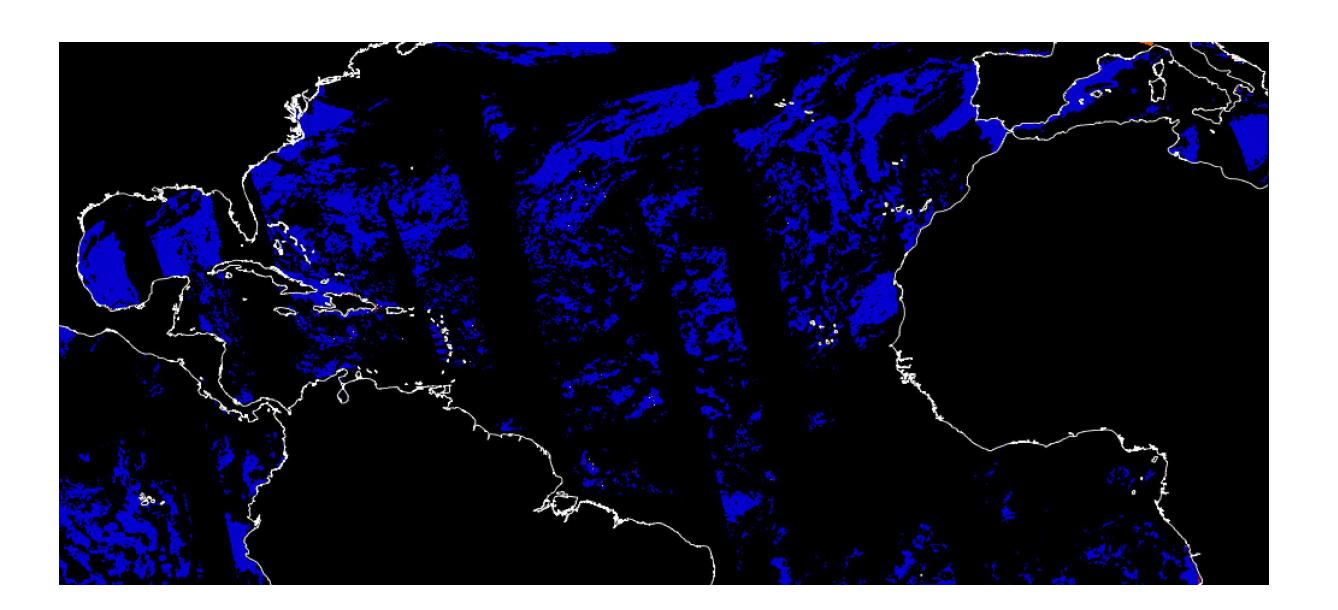
Saildrone operations

Migrating AFAI VIIRS and MODIS products to CW environment (~80% completed)
Increased spatial coverage but additional tuning required



#### ML- Sargassum detection (RF, ANNs)





#### 06 Current work

#### Improve Sargassum Inundation risk model

Trajectory modelling (in general, not only for Sargassum). Field experiments.

Better coverage in the coastal zone:

Ground truth (e.g. citizen science projects, beach management agencies)

Winds

Currents (e.g. HF radars)

Waves

Satellites

Enhance local and regional engagement.

Integrate RS datasets and generating vector products

Adapt data distribution and visualization interfaces

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**Hurricane OceanViewer** 

**Sargassum Inundation Reports** 

Survey123

**TDS** 

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